

A Japanese Girl Leads Sisters Out of Their Age-Long Bondage

By WINNIFRED HARPER COOLEY

LITTLE WHITE LOTUS was a poetess of Japan. She was also of noble birth and reared with every honor and luxury. Into her narrow, restricted life, a cruel, terrible, revolutionary idea of feminine freedom!

She actually dared to believe that girls should marry for love, rather than be sold into bondage! She had heard of America, and her reading had told her that in many lands of modern times women worked, and regulated their own lives, and refused to be mated to hideous old men by the male members of their family.

But all this information came gradually, and too late. For the noble girl had been purchased by an old millionaire, illiterate and common, and for ten years was forced to be his wife and another all of her ideals. She tried to "do her duty," for tradition has a powerful influence, and duty is ingrained in the very fiber of one's being in Oriental countries.

FINALLY, however, a limit to her endurance was reached. She had had a glimpse of the marvelous possibilities for joy of real and young love. In some way, she met a beautiful boy of twenty-one, who was a student at the university. She knew that one voice was a protest, and she ran away from him.

A long letter told him of her suffering, and of how hard she had tried to adapt herself, and be docile and obedient. It begged him for her freedom. It was very pathetic.

All Japan resounded with the "scandal": a wife escaped from her husband, bow atrocious and unheard of! What

were women coming to, if high-born ladies revolted against parental and marital authority? This was what came of opening up the port to foreign trade and letting Anglo-Saxon free ideas percolate into conservative old Japan.

The White Lotus, whose poems had charmed the younger generation, had disappeared entirely. Her clansmen were frantic and humiliated.

At last she was found living quietly in a little cottage belonging to a friend. She, who had dwelt in castles! It is not told that she fled to her lover. Perhaps she had not quite the courage for that; but she did revolt against the old husband.

Her relatives met in conference with him. They begged him to divorce her. He consented, only with the stipulation that they apologize! Apologize for his neglect of her! Apologize for his neglect of her! Apologize for his neglect of her!

At last she was free. But she had not the strength to enjoy her freedom. She might read foreign literature, and she might strike a blow for her sex against the inhuman marriage customs of the Orient. But a frail girl is not strong enough to stand up against centuries of tradition that rushes upon her like a mighty flood and engulfs her.

HER example will have a tremendous effect upon future Japanese women, however, and strengthen their resolution to refuse mercenary and loveless marriages.

How lucky are we who enjoy freedom of choice! Even if we make mistakes, they are our own mistakes, and we express our own love.

THIS DAY AND YOU

By Ralph Waldo Trine
Author of "In Tune With the Infinite."

EUROPE IS BUSY

A keen and unbiased observer is an asset to any country. It was a true service rendered by Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, when on his return from an extended trip abroad, a few days ago, among other things he said that he could "see no reason for the pessimism about European conditions that is being so astiduously circulated."

England is busy, he reports, and is firmly on the upgrade to prosperity. France is busy, and has already recovered a long way.

Belgium is busy. Germany is busy, and is already reaching out for the commerce of the world. She is competing so keenly in various lines in many parts of the world that America and England and other countries are failing to get the business conditions in the Scandinavian countries are satisfactory, and are continually improving.

It is Mr. Mitchell's clear-cut opinion that the fuller of long payment on the part of America will be of the greatest possible value, not only to the European countries but to ourselves as well. Speaking of the reparations question, and the question of the Allied debts, Mr. Mitchell said: "I do not think the German reparations question and the reparations question are linked with it can be settled until the Allied debts are settled."

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A Great Rise

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WHAT'S WHAT

By Helen Deane

We may be as moody as we please when we are all alone, and when there is no one to be offended by our gloomy silence or our bitter speech, but no one is out of place in any social gathering. It is easy to be pleasant to people when we know well and whom we like, but during any form of social entertainment it is our duty to be sociable for the time being. "Reggie Lister's instinct to find every one with whom he came in contact delightful, brought out, as was natural, all that was delightful in them," writes the author of "Our Family Affairs," an autobiography describing real persons. "Whether he liked a person or not, he always gave the best of himself. When every one is determined to give the best toward the success of a social occasion, general courtesy is the result. The result is delightful for every one."

The Reckless Age

By HAZEL DEVO BACHELOR

Aline Foster is a spoiled member of the younger set who thinks men were made for her amusement. She engages herself to Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, when on his return from an extended trip abroad, a few days ago, among other things he said that he could "see no reason for the pessimism about European conditions that is being so astiduously circulated."

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At first she had worn a net, but now her hair was long enough to do up, although it still didn't reach her shoulders. She had combed back from her forehead and waved over her ears, and the new style gave her dignity and made her look several years older.

Yes, the old Aline had almost vanished. The sophisticated, blasé society girl had given way to the rather thoughtful and far more mysterious woman. But looking at herself Aline could not see the change, her features were just as they had always been. And then something happened that made her realize the truth and left her amazed and almost incredulous.

(Tomorrow—An Unexpected Encounter.)



Half the joy of Christmas is in giving such lovely toys as these new rag men, the woolly bear and the funny monk.

The Woman's Exchange

Warm Clothes for Some One

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Will you kindly let me know if the Red Cross accepts worn clothing? If so, tell me how to send them. GEORGETOWN.

Either the Red Cross or the Near East Relief would be glad to have the things. I feel sure. Call up the headquarters of either organization and ask just how they would like the things now. There is great need of such things now, and I know they will be welcome.

Writing to Har

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—I have an uncle far from home who is engaged and asked me to write to his girl. As I do not know what to do and say, I come to you for advice. Will you kindly tell me what I should put in the salutation, body, close and signature of a letter? I never saw the girl before.

Also, how much should a girl of fifteen years weigh who is five feet one inch tall?

You could have your letter read somewhat like the following:

"My Dear Miss Byrd: Even though you don't know me, I cannot help wanting to write and wish you happiness. Uncle Ed has told me such a lot about you. I hope we meet each other some time soon. I surely am glad I'm going to have such a nice aunt. Sincerely, Viola Smith Brown."

A girl such as you describe should weigh 114 pounds.

A Delightful Christmas Gift

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Do you think music sheets would be an appropriate Christmas gift to a musically inclined friend? How many sheets do you think one ought to give? Can you please suggest a few names of sheets that are very pretty and popular with advanced pupils? Something like "Narcissus" and "The Butterfly."

When wearing a small corsage bouquet of French-made imitation flowers, which side is correct to wear it on?

Are they pinned on upright or drooping downward? May they be worn at the shoulder as well as at the waist?

I think that would be a lovely Christmas gift.

FLORA.

Use a Knife, Fork and Spoon Stand and Keep Your Stove Clean

During the course of cooking it is often necessary to lay down one's knives and forks. Unless you have something on which to place them, you will most likely lay them on the side of the stove. This necessitates extra cleaning. You can prevent this if you make a knife stand. Any housewife who appreciates nice things in her kitchen will like one of these as a gift.

Cover a piece of extra heavy cardboard, or a thin wooden board, with white oilcloth. Decorate it in some simple way with blue enamel. This is and is placed at the side of the stove. After the meal is cooked it is a simple matter to wash the knife, fork and spoon stand.

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LOVE NOTES

By KAY KEAN

Fable Of The Foolish

Once upon a time there dwelt a woman who said within herself, "Go to, I will have a husband who is just a little different."

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Please Tell Me What to Do

By JYTHIA

Letters to Jythia's column must be written on stationery with the writer's name and address. The writer must be at least 18 years of age. Letters must be sent to Jythia, c/o The Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa. Letters must be sent to Jythia, c/o The Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa. Letters must be sent to Jythia, c/o The Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Gift for Christmas
Dear Cynthia—Would it be proper to give a boy friend for Christmas a present consisting of two hairbrushes of shag with white initials and a comb or would you suggest something else. Please reply promptly as I am going out for it on Thursday.

A very nice gift if you know the boy well, otherwise it's rather expensive.

Of Course Send Him a Present
Dear Cynthia—I am engaged to a young man. He lives in another city and on account of business I think he will not be here for Christmas. Should I send him a present or just a present? I should like to send him a present, but I don't know what to send. I would appreciate your advice and would like to see my answer in the paper by Thursday, if possible.

You intend to marry this man and are already engaged to him and yet you question whether to send him a present. Of course send him a present and as handsomeness as you can afford. Gold cuff links, a silver cigarette case, silver match box, a silver pen, any such thing would be appropriate.

She's for the Uniform
Dear Cynthia—May I address a few words to "S. O. L." I certainly agree with Cynthia in that you are gravely mistaken that Philadelphia girls hate a uniform. I for one love every boy in a uniform and think that they are just splendid. In fact I should be proud to go out with a boy in uniform thinking they are so fine as to give themselves a little "different."

There are also some gold-diggers, but you will always find opposites in every class of life. So keep looking for the one you want and let me know when you find him and I'll be glad to help you.

His Conduct is Unpardonable
Dear Cynthia—I have been reading your interesting column for some time, though I have never written to you before and would like to about your opinion on what I have been going with a young man almost a year. I like him very much and he has always been a very good boy. He is a very different man from the others, and she was very different from the others.

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